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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ELECTROPLATING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 2, before "Field of the Invention" insert the following new paragraph:

--This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/385,381, filed August 30, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 21-50, without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

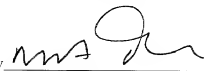
This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a continuation application. Claims 21-50 have been canceled solely to reduce the filing fee. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and in other applications.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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